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TAGS: EAID, EFIN, SA

SUBJECT: SAUDI ARABIAN CONTRIBUTION TO IDA V

REF: STATE 21658, STATE 28014

1. WE DISCUSSED SAUDI CONTRIBUTION TO IDA V WITH
DEP MIN FINANCE AL TURKI FEB 7, NOTING THAT WE WERE
NOT SPEAKING UNDER INSTRUCTION BUT WERE AWARE THAT
IBRD AND USG HAD HOPED FOR LARGER SAUDI CONTRIBUTION.

2. AL TURKI SAID THAT SAG COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAD
HAD LONG AND BITTER DEBATE ON IDA CONTRIBUTION. MIN
FINANCE RECOMMENDATION HAD BEEN FOR LARGER CONTRIBUTION,
BUT SEVERAL MINISTERS ARGUED FOR LOWER FIGURE, AND
FIGURE OF \$250 MILLION HAD BEEN SET WITH CONSIDERABLE
DIFFICULTY. AL TURKI SAID THAT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE
OPPOSITION IN SAUDI ARABIA AND SAG TO INCREASED AID
COMMITMENTS WHICH, HE NOTED, REACHED OVER 13
PERCENT OF SAUD GDP IN 1976. DISBURSEMENTS FROM
CURRENT AID COMMITMENTS, HE ESTIMATED, WILL BE
COMPLETED WITHIN THREE YEARS, AND SAUDI SURPLUSES
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WILL THEMSELVES DRY UP WITHIN TEN YEARS. SAUDI AID
FIGURES WOULD BE EVEN HIGHER, HE ARGUED, IF CERTAIN
CENTRAL BANK DEPOSITS WERE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.
COMMENT: SAG MAY ALSO BE CONCERNED AT POTENTIAL
EXTENT OF ITS CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO EGYPT, WHICH
IS OCCUPYING MUCH TIME OF SENIOR SAG ECONOMIC
OFFICIALS. END COMMENT.

3. COUNCIL OF MINISTERS DECISION, AL TURKI CONTINUED, SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS FINAL. REVERSAL IF ANY COULD ONLY COME FROM HIGHEST LEVEL. MACNAMARA, HAD ALREADY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH SAUDIS AND HAD BEEN TOLD THEIR CONTRIBUTION COULD NOT BE INCREASED.

4. COMMENT: WE SEE LITTLE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT KING OR ROYAL FAMILY WOULD WISH TO REVERSE DECISION TAKEN IN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, CHAIRED BY CROWN PRINCE FAHD, ON A SUBJECT OF THIS MATURE. AS A CONSEQUENCE, WE SEE NO REAL HOPE FOR AN INCREASE IN SAG CONTRIBUTION TO IDA V.
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